

REMARKS

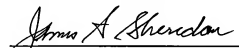
This amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 18, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 7, 10 11 and 13-24 are considered. Claims 23 and 24 are objected to as informal. These informalities have been corrected.

Claims 2-5, 7, 10 11 and 13-16 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite. The suggested corrections have been made to eliminate this issue.

Claims 1-5, 7, 10, 11, 15-20, 22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over "A taxonomy of Obfuscating Transformations" by Collberg in view of "Static Analysis of Executables to Detect Malicious Patterns" by Christodorescu. Claims 13, 14, 21 and 23 are indicated to include allowable subject matter. Therefore, claims 1, 10 and 13 are combined as amended claim 1 to recite allowable subject matter. A new claim 25 is submitted herewith comprising a combination of claims 1, 10 and 14. This claim also recites allowable subject matter. Claims 17 and 23 are combined as amended claim 17, which also recites allowable subject matter.

In view of these changes, Applicant has eliminated all rejections under prior art, as well as eliminating the rejections under 35 USC §112. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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